

The Blue Devils' win was earned through hard work on and off the court, with their individual talents combining through outstanding teamwork. Coming off a semifinal win with the score of 84–68, the Blue Devils put on an outstanding performance in the Championship, with a final score of 61–35. I am certain that their legacy of championship achievement will inspire future Blue Devils to follow in their footsteps.

On behalf of Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Principal Darin Thompson, Coach Kenneth Randolph, and the Varina High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team for their inspiring championship season.

BENTON REA'S 85TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Benton Rural Electric Association's 85th birthday and to sincerely thank them for all of their contributions to Central Washington.

This electric company has changed the way farmers work. Benton REA was established on April 19, 1937, to serve those in Benton and the surrounding counties. One year later, Benton REA helped Benton and Yakima farmers move into the modern era of electricity by flipping the switch to light more than 89 rural farms.

As the oldest operating consumer-owned business serving Benton and Yakima counties, they understand the needs and concerns of the rural community when it comes to electricity needs. I thank them for their many faithful years of serving the 11,000 members across Benton, Yakima, and Lewis counties, many of whom are in my district, and for providing the electricity they need.

Congratulations on reaching this milestone and I wish them many more years of success.

UKRAINE INVASION WAR CRIMES DETERRENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud Rep. McCAUL's Ukraine Invasion War Crimes Deterrence and Accountability Act.

History has taught us that evidence must be safeguarded in order to hold tyrants to account.

Putin and his enablers will gaslight the world until Kingdom Come—but the world and our progeny must know the truth.

As Ukraine's civilians and defenders continue their valiant fight against the beast—we must be ready to prosecute those who murdered innocents and pillaged a sovereign land.

Putin's war is not an act of defense. It is a calculated and brutal slaughter of ordinary people who sought only to build up their precious democracy.

Putin has shed any semblance of humanity. He is a monster with the blood of freedom-loving people on his hands.

When justice comes, let us be prepared with all that we need to sentence these evildoers to the punishments they deserve.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF KAROLE WHITE

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the career of Ms. Karole White, who served as president and CEO of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters for over 36 incredible years.

Karole has dedicated her career to organizations that have bettered Michigan communities and businesses. Under her leadership, MAB grew from a group with minimal resources, to one of the most respected and robust trade associations in the state.

Karole's leadership helped the MAB integrate into all areas of the broadcasting industry. Her advocacy extended from the smallest high school newsroom to the largest radio stations in the state. Currently, nearly 90 percent of individuals, companies, and organizations affiliated with broadcasting in Michigan have joined the MAB.

Karole's expertise has made her an essential part of the broadcasting industry, and she has built strong relationships across the field, not just in our state but around the country. When she announced her retirement in January, we knew that the industry was losing one of its greatest advocates. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her and wishing her well in her retirement. After decades of service, she surely deserves it, and I will always count it a privilege to call her my friend.

RECOGNIZING THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL SPRINGERS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the Highland Springs Springers Boys Basketball Team for winning the Class 5 State Championship title.

This title run was a tremendous achievement, as it resulted in the team's fourth state championship and first since 2007. The Springers won in the last seconds of the game with the final score being 63–62.

The Springers' win was earned through months of hard work. After a season of hard-fought wins and a remarkable record of 23–4, these young men closed out the championship game in style, securing the win in the final seconds of the game with stifling defense. I am certain that these young men and their championship achievement will be remembered in the Henrico community for years to come.

On behalf of Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Principal Kenneth White, Coach Reggie Tennyson, and the Highland Springs Springers Boys Basketball Team for their remarkable championship season.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPION USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the NCAA Women's National Basketball Champions for 2022. The University of South Carolina Gamecocks have played with tremendous heart and skill throughout this season, earning the team its second national title.

The Gamecocks have been ranked number one the entire season and lost just two games by slim margins. During the NCAA tournament, they beat No. 8 seed Miami, No. 5 seed University of North Carolina, No. 10 seed Creighton and No. 1 seed Louisville, before taking on No. 2 seed and perennial powerhouse University of Connecticut (UConn).

UConn had been in the Final Four for 14 consecutive years. USC made the Sweet 16 every year since 2014. In 2017, USC claimed their first national championship. The next year, UConn eliminated USC when they met the last time in the tournament. The Gamecocks were in a prime position to win the tournament in 2020, but it was cancelled due to the COVID–19 pandemic. Last year, USC was eliminated in the Final Four.

Head Coach Dawn Staley and the USC players were determined that 2022 was going to be their year. They delivered with a 64–49 victory on April 3 in Minneapolis, delivering UConn their first ever loss in the championship game.

I can't say enough about the leadership of Coach Staley. The Philadelphia native, and former college, WNBA, and Olympic basketball stand-out, has led USC's team since 2008. She built the program from scratch, and by the 2013–2014 season, the team won the SEC Conference and was the top ranked team nationally. Under her leadership, the Gamecocks have won six SEC regular season and SEC tournament championships, made it to eight Sweet Sixteens and four Final Fours, and now, won two national championships.

Coach Staley achieved all of this while serving as the U.S. Women's National Olympic Team head coach from 2017 to 2021, leading that team to a perfect 45–0 record and winning a gold medal. This year she received the Naismith Award as the best coach in the Nation for the second time and has earned the distinction of being the first Black coach in men's or women's Division I basketball history to win more than one national championship.

Coach Staley led a remarkable team with the starting line-up of No. 1 Zia Cooke, a junior guard from Toledo, Ohio; No. 3 Destanni Henderson, a senior guard from Fort Myers, Florida; No. 4 Aliyah Boston, a junior forward from St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; No. 5 Victoria Saxton, a senior forward from Rome, Georgia; and, No. 12 Brea Beal, a junior

guard from Rock Island, Illinois. This remarkable starting line-up was assisted by a talented bench of No. 0 Olivia Thompson, a junior guard from Lexington, South Carolina; No. 2 Eniya Russell, a sophomore guard from Baltimore, Maryland; No. 10 Kamilla Cardoso, a sophomore center from Montes Claros, Brazil; No. 11 Destiny Littleton, a senior guard from San Diego, California; No. 15 Laetitia Amihere, a junior forward from Mississauga, Ontario, Canada; No. 20 Sania Feagin, a freshman forward from Ellenwood, Georgia; No. 23 Bree Hall, a freshman guard from Dayton, Ohio; No. 24 LeLe Grissett, a graduate student guard from Durham, North Carolina; No. 25 Raven Johnson, a freshman guard from Atlanta, Georgia; No. 32 Elysa Wesolek, a senior forward from Charleston, South Carolina; and, No. 44 Saniya Rivers, a freshman guard from Wilmington, North Carolina.

A special congratulations to Aliyah Boston, who achieved her 30th double-double with 11 points and 16 rebounds in the championship game, earning her the Final Four Most Outstanding Player. This honor completes her sweep of the top national awards. She is also the recipient of the 2022 John R. Wooden Award and the Player of the Year awards from Naismith, The Associated Press, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, and the U.S. Basketball Writers Association. She was also the SEC Player of the Year and the Lisa Leslie Award winner.

Other accolades include Aliyah Boston, Zia Cooke, and Destanni Henderson all making the Final Four All-Tournament Team. Henderson scored a career-high 26 points, the most of any player in the championship game, and Cooke also provided 11 points and 5 rebounds.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating this remarkable University of South Carolina Women's Basketball team. I have had the pleasure of following their season and seeing them play many times in person. Their extraordinary talent and leadership made it exciting to see their hard work rewarded with the national title. Go Gamecocks.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF RETIRED U.S. ARMY MAJOR HAROLD KING

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Retired United States Army Major Harold King for his hard work and dedicated service in his eight years as a Veteran Service Officer with the Missouri Veterans Commission. Harold King was recently selected as the Missouri Veterans Commission Employee of the Month and Department of Public Safety Employee of the Month.

Harold King has distinguished himself as an essential leader within the Veteran Service Program, providing his hard work and dedication to the 6,500 veterans and dependents within his assigned region of the state, which includes Camden, Laclede, Phelps, Pulaski, and Texas counties. He is being recognized for his outstanding work assisting a Missouri veteran win an appeal after the Department of

Veterans Affairs rejected his medical claim related to her herbicide exposure during the Vietnam War. Harold diligently assisted in filing several appeals. Seven years after the initial claim was filed, the Board of Veterans Appeals awarded the veteran approximately \$223,000 in backpay.

Prior to the Missouri Veterans Commission, Harold King served his country for 24 years, working in Armor and Psychological Operations and deploying three times, including in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm with the 1st Infantry Division, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Harold King retired as a Major in the United States Army.

It is a great honor to recognize Veteran Service Officer and Retired Major Harold King for his steadfast leadership and continuous devotion to his community. Please join me in thanking him for his service to our Nation and the Great State of Missouri.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an exchange of correspondence between myself and Chairman JERRY NADLER acknowledging the Committee on Judiciary's agreement to waive consideration of H.R. 5657 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce's acknowledgement that such waiver does not in any way diminish or alter the Committee's jurisdiction on this or similar legislation in the future.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, March 31, 2022.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN PALLONE: This letter is to advise you that the Committee on the Judiciary has now had an opportunity to review the provisions in H.R. 5657, the "Medical Marijuana Research Act," that fall within our Rule X jurisdiction. I appreciate your consulting with us on those provisions. The Judiciary Committee has no objection to your including them in the bill for consideration on the House floor, and to expedite that consideration is willing to forgo action on H.R. 5657, with the understanding that we do not thereby waive any future jurisdictional claim over those provisions or their subject matters.

In the event a House-Senate conference on this or similar legislation is convened, the Judiciary Committee reserves the right to request an appropriate number of conferees to address any concerns with these or similar provisions that may arise in conference.

Please place this letter into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our committees.

Sincerely,

JERROLD NADLER,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, April 1, 2022.

HON. JERROLD NADLER,
Chairman, Committee on Judiciary,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN NADLER: Thank you for consulting with the Committee on Energy and Commerce and agreeing to be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5657, the "Medical Marijuana Research Act," so that the bill may proceed expeditiously to the House floor.

I agree that your forgoing further action on this measure does not in any way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of your committee or prejudice its jurisdictional prerogatives on this measure or similar legislation in the future. I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees from your committee to any House-Senate conference on this legislation.

I will ensure our letters on H.R. 5657 are entered into the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work together as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

FRANK PALLONE, JR.,
Chairman.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEERS OF TEXAS BAPTIST MEN

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our Texas 24 Hometown Heroes of the week, the volunteers of Texas Baptist Men in Dallas, TX.

Texas Baptist Men lend a helping hand across Texas and around the world. From providing thousands with clean drinking water to assisting those affected in natural disasters, their work and generosity is seen around the globe.

TBM has also helped start and train disaster relief groups in all 50 states, creating the third-largest disaster relief network in the nation. When a hurricane, tornado or other disaster strikes, TBM moves to help those who have been affected.

I thank TBM for going above and beyond to selflessly assist in natural disasters across the state and around the world. Their generosity and commitment to our community do not go unnoticed.

PASCO CHAMBER'S 110TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pasco Chamber of Commerce's 110th anniversary and to sincerely thank them for all of their contributions to the Greater Pasco Area.

The Pasco Chamber truly lives out its mission of advocating for local business owners and empowering entrepreneurs, all while keeping Pasco's rich history and cultural diversity at the forefront. Local economic development is crucial for any community to thrive,